



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6219

LCO No. 949

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:

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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A STATE-WIDE SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR BICYCLING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to implement a state-wide
2 support program for bicycling; that such program should (1) raise
3 awareness of bicycling as a viable alternative to motor vehicle use, (2)
4 provide safe roads and trails for bicycle commuting and recreation, (3)
5 make funding available to towns for use in infrastructure
6 improvements for safe bicycling lanes and trails, (4) reduce motor
7 vehicle traffic congestion and pollution by encouraging greater use of
8 bicycles, and (5) create public awareness of the benefits to health and
9 the environment of bicycling; that the implementation of such program
10 may be accomplished by creating a new "Share the Road" cause-related
11 number plate that would be made available for motor vehicle
12 registrations and carry the same surcharge as other cause-related
13 number plates, which surcharge shall be used to offset the
14 administrative costs of issuing such plates and provide grants for
15 construction of or improvements to bicycle trail ways and bicycle-safe
16 roadways; and that such program shall be self-funded, with no

17 incremental cost to state taxpayers.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for the implementation of a state-wide support program for bicycling funded by a "Share the Road" motor vehicle number plate.